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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Transfer of Two Ceiling Positions from
OCS/DDS&T to OC/DDS

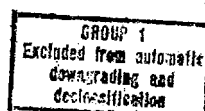
REFERENCE : Memo to D/OCS from D/OC dtd 25 Feb 70;
subject: Request for Position

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval in paragraph 3.

2. Background: Since as long ago as June 1966 when the Office of Computer Services initiated work requests for the installation of the first computer terminals on its computer systems, general discussions have taken place between OCS and the Office of Communications on the need for mutual planning to attack technical and engineering problems arising out of the growing convergence of computer and data communication technology. Early on, the lack of what might be termed "communications expertise" in OCS and, on the other hand, the lack of "computer expertise" in OC was recognized. Although there has been some improvement with respect to skills in these fields as a result of the experience gained over the past two years in the installation of data communication facilities supporting the Office of Special Projects, the Office of Security, the COINS Project and other activities, we are still critically weak.

3. OC has indicated that the principal impediment to providing urgently needed full-time electronics engineering and

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technical support to the Agency's computer centers is the lack of personnel ceiling (see attachment). Although I can ill afford to lose positions and am reluctant to do so, I feel that the need for solutions to computer communications problems is of paramount importance and, therefore, I recommend that two ceiling positions be transferred from the Office of Computer Services to the Office of Communications for this purpose.

CARL E. DUCKETT
Deputy Director
for
Science and Technology

Attachment: cy of reference

CONCUR:

SIGNED R. L. Bannerman

Deputy Director for Support

19 MAR 1970

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APPROVED:

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Executive Director-Comptroller

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25 FEB 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Computer Services

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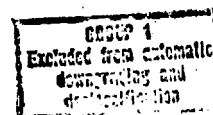
1. This memorandum is intended to confirm for the record the summary of recent meetings, briefings and discussions on the subject of engineering and technical communications support to remote computer and I/O device requirements. In particular, the Office of Communications does not now have the resources to adequately support the present and near term requirements of the CIA.

2. To date OC has been rendering support to computers and I/O device "customers" on an ad hoc and time available basis. Our engineering staff at the same time has been tasked with new internal Communications programs such as [REDACTED] The fact is that new programs must be borne on top of on-going programs at a time when OC is reducing its T/O - BALPA, OPRED and now the Agency 5% reduction of personnel in FY-1970 and FY-1971.

3. As you know we have proposed to contract with a selected commercial firm to provide us with the manpower to "pull" lines for the rapidly increasing numbers of data circuits in the Headquarters Building. This contract, I believe, will essentially eliminate the inordinate delays we have experienced to date using the government's own resources. As discussed with you, what we, collectively, still require is a senior electronics engineer (GS-14 level) aided by a top flight, imaginative technician (GS-12 level) to manage OC's support to CIA's burgeoning data requirements. I am persuaded that these two staff positions and the commercial contract will substantially improve the present and immediate future OC support to data customers. In accordance with our discussions, therefore, I would appreciate your arranging to transfer these two personnel ceiling slots to OC. I am prepared to encumber them immediately following transfer in recognition of the apparent need to get on with the tasks at hand.

4. You will agree with me, I think, that the foregoing alone does not fully answer CIA's data requirements of the future. Indeed, I'm convinced that the Agency needs an overall, integrated data systems analysis. As a support service, OC deserves to have an outline of such an overall program against which resources can be properly programmed. As one example there is a live question as to whether we should have one master data switch processor (which can store and forward and buffer, etc.) or whether the thrust of several smaller switches for each customer

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customer approach should be followed. Incompatibility problems between various I/O devices and computers also plague us as you know. Another vexing aspect is that of emanations security. Some I/O devices are "bombs," others are more secure. Obviously what we select to use should be based on conscious decision making with all factors considered. I have discussed a number of these problems with Mr. Knoche.

5. Meanwhile I would appreciate your early support in transferring the two positions mentioned above.


Director of Communications

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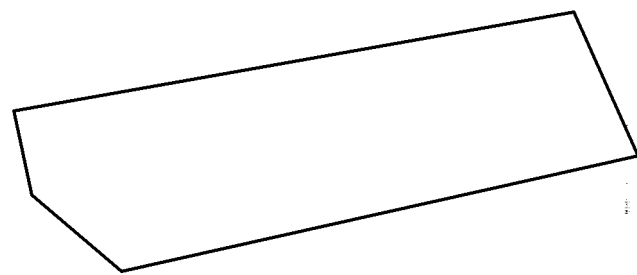
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Mr. Knoche

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